AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1-12.   (Cancelled).

13.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving by a computing device a selection of ~~selecting~~ a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which ~~the selected~~ each quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and ~~the selected~~ each quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument, the selected quadrant comprising a first benchmark instrument;

retrieving by a computing device a plurality of non-benchmark instruments from a server coupled to the computing device over a network, in which each non-benchmark instrument shares at least one variable in common with the first benchmark instrument, and in which the first benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument, and in which the one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieving from a server market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generating and outputting the customizable display in accordance to a layout, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, in which the layout is selected from a plurality of layouts.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, in which the layout comprises at least one of:

1x6;

2x3;

3x2; and

6x1.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

receiving a request to replace the layout of the customizable display with a second layout.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

receiving a request to replace the <u>first</u> benchmark instrument with a second benchmark instrument, in which the <u>first</u> benchmark instrument is associated with the selected quadrant;

selecting a second quadrant, in which the second quadrant comprises the second benchmark instrument;

removing the selected quadrant from a position in the layout; and

updating the customizable display to include the second quadrant, in which the second quadrant is located in the position that was formerly occupied by the selected quadrant.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

receiving a request to exchange a position of a first quadrant in the layout with the position of a second quadrant in the layout.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:

determining that the request to exchange is a permissible option; and

updating the customizable display, in which the layout of the updated customizable display comprises the first quadrant being located in the position that was formerly occupied by the second quadrant and the second quadrant being located in the position of that was formerly occupied by the first quadrant.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

receiving a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;

selecting a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument;

replacing the layout that was previously used by the customizable display with a second layout, in which the second layout decreases a size of each quadrant from the previous layout in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant; and

generating the customizable display in accordance to the second layout, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant.

21.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, in which the size of each quadrant comprises a minimum requirement.

22.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, in which the customizable display comprises a maximum quantity of quadrants.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, in which at least one of the first type of instrument and the second type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures contract, a stock, a debt instrument, an equity, and another type of instrument.

24.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to : perform the method of claim 13.

receive by a computing device a selection of a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which each quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and each quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument, the selected quadrant comprising a first benchmark instrument;

retrieve by a computing device a plurality of non-benchmark instruments from a server coupled to the computing device over a network, in which each non-benchmark

instrument shares at least one variable in common with the first benchmark instrument, and in which the first benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument, and in which the one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieve from a server market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generate and output the customizable display in accordance to a layout, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

25.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which the layout comprises at least one of:

1x6;

2x3;

3x2; and

6x1.

26.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 24, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 16~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to receive a request to replace the layout of the customizable display with a second layout.

27.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 24, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 18~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to receive a request to exchange a position of a first quadrant in the layout with the position of a second quadrant in the layout.

28.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 27, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 19~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to:

determine that the request to exchange is a permissible option; and

update the customizable display, in which the layout of the updated customizable display comprises the first quadrant being located in the position that was formerly occupied by the second quadrant and the second quadrant being located in the position of that was formerly occupied by the first quadrant.

29.   (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 24, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 20~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to:

receive a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;

select a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument;

replace the layout that was previously used by the customizable display with a second layout, in which the second layout decreases a size of each quadrant from the previous layout in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant; and

generate the customizable display in accordance to the second layout, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant.

30.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which at least one of the first type of instrument and the second type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures, a stock, a debt, an equity, and another type of instrument.

31.   (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a storage medium, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by a processor, direct the processor to : ~~perform the method of claim 13~~

receive by a computing device a selection of a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which each quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and each

quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument, the selected quadrant comprising a first benchmark instrument;

retrieve by a computing device a plurality of non-benchmark instruments from a server coupled to the computing device over a network, in which each non-benchmark instrument shares at least one variable in common with the first benchmark instrument, and in which the first benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument, and in which the one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieve from a server market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generate and output the customizable display in accordance to a layout, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the first benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

32.   (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which the layout comprises at least one of:

1x6;

2x3;

3x2; and

6x1.

33.   (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 31, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 16~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to receive a request to replace the layout of the customizable display with a second layout.

34.   (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 31, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 18~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to receive

a request to exchange a position of a first quadrant in the layout with the position of a second quadrant in the layout.

35.   (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 34, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 19~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to:

determine that the request to exchange is a permissible option; and
update the customizable display, in which the layout of the updated customizable display comprises the first quadrant being located in the position that was formerly occupied by the second quadrant and the second quadrant being located in the position of that was formerly occupied by the first quadrant.

36.   (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 31, ~~in which the processor further performs the method of claim 20~~ in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, further direct the processor to:

receive a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;
select a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument;
replace the layout that was previously used by the customizable display with a second layout, in which the second layout decreases a size of each quadrant from the previous layout in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant; and
generate the customizable display in accordance to the second layout, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant.

37.   (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which at least one of the first type of instrument and the second type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures contract, a stock, a debt instrument, an equity, and another type of instrument.